

basic needs like gas, milk, heat, and electricity, Americans are paying \$23.19 more per month.

Many times, I have urged my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to do the right thing and allow a vote to ensure American families can have the comfort of a livable wage.

For those who are not working and struggling to keep afloat in these tough times, let's vote to extend the unemployment benefits that expired.

I urge my colleagues to stop brushing working Americans under the rug and pass a fair minimum wage.

SAVE AMERICAN JOBS ACT

(Mr. SMITH of Missouri asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, the problems with ObamaCare never seem to stop hurting families and individuals in Missouri's Eighth District. They are experiencing huge increases in their monthly premiums, and bureaucrats are continuing to get between doctors and patients.

Additionally, workers are seeing reduced hours because of the 30-hour rule contained in ObamaCare. The Save American Workers Act will repeal ObamaCare's 30-hour rule.

Because of this legislation, small businesses will no longer be forced to choose between providing health insurance to part-time workers or drastically cutting jobs or even eliminating employees.

A recent study estimated a 30-hour workweek rule could cost as many as 2.6 million Americans jobs.

Make no mistake, I am still fighting to fully repeal ObamaCare, but the Save American Workers Act will not fix every problem with the ObamaCare health care mandate, but it will immediately save millions of American jobs, and it will help families who are struggling to make ends meet.

BARROW'S BOOKWORMS CHALLENGE

(Mr. BARROW of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARROW of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the elementary school students in my district in Georgia who are part of the inaugural class of Barrow's Bookworms.

Last fall, I challenged students in my district to read 20 books over the course of the semester. Upon completion, they would be recognized for their good work with a ceremony in the district.

For this first-ever Barrow's Bookworms program, more than 1,300 students in Georgia's 12th District accepted the challenge and completed the program, collectively reading more than 27,000 books.

As part of this program, students were also asked to create a bookmark

that would be distributed to all of the participants. Bekah McCord, an outstanding third grade student at Southwest Laurens Elementary School in Dublin, successfully completed the Barrow's Bookworms reading program and was selected as the winner of our first bookmark design contest. Bekah is an exceptional student and a great example to peers.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Bekah and all of the students who participated this year, and I look forward to next year's Barrow's Bookworms challenge.

CONDOLENCES FOR THE TRAGEDY AT FORT HOOD

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my thoughts and prayers to the individuals, families, and loved ones of those affected by the tragedy at Fort Hood. To have this happen a second time adds more heartbreak to a community still grieving from the tragic events of 2009.

There are still a lot of questions to be answered. Assuredly, like many cases where suicide is involved, we may never know the motive. Undoubtedly, the gunman's mental wellbeing, along with many other variables, continue under investigation.

Not until we know more from the leadership in charge of the investigation would it be appropriate to speculate facts or other variables.

Yes, given a preliminary description of events, it is hard not to place a tragedy in perspective—in the context of the grave challenge our Nation faces when it comes to better addressing issues of behavioral health, mental illness, and suicide.

For now, we pray. For now, we praise. For now, we honor each individual and each sacred life lost.

A TRIBUTE TO MARLAN BOURNS

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Marlan Bourns, a local Riverside County inventor and philanthropist who recently passed away at the age of 93.

Marlan and his wife Rosemary founded what was then known as Bourns Laboratories out of their garage in Michigan, but its quick growth propelled their relocation to my hometown of Riverside, California.

There, Mr. Bourns' business grew to become a significant contributor in the fields of engineering and technology. His inventions would be used by NASA, the medical device industry, telecommunication companies, and personal computer manufacturers.

His fair pay for employees and respectful treatment of them are several

of the reasons why some stayed with the company for 50 years. He was able to pour much of his success back into the community through his generous endowment for the University of California at Riverside, which is now home to the Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering.

His friends and family will always remember a creative and inventive man who carried with him an incredibly gentle nature and giving spirit. He will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CASTLE RED HURRICANES

(Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to offer congratulations to the New Castle Red Hurricanes for winning their first-ever Pennsylvania AAAA State championship, with an undefeated 31-0 record.

The 'Canes pulled this off with a 52-39 victory over Philadelphia's La Salle College High School 2 weeks ago in Hershey, Pennsylvania, making them only the fourth undefeated Pennsylvania class AAAA boys' basketball champions in State history.

I send a special congratulations to the players' families, as well as head coach Ralph Blundo and New Castle superintendent John Sarandrea.

According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the day after the 'Canes won, Coach Blundo told a group of kindergartners that the 'Canes aren't special because they won the State championship.

He says they are special because of their good grades and the fact that every one of his seniors are going to college next year. He says his players just do things the right way. I couldn't agree more. Go 'Canes.

HONORING THE ANNIVERSARY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S ASSASSINATION

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 46th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King being gunned down in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. King is well-known for his speech, "I Have a Dream," about civil rights and social justice. When he died, he was fighting for economic justice. He was fighting for the right to organize and for better wages for human beings and to attack poverty.

Unfortunately, in this House, too often we hear about opposition to jobs bills, opposition to the minimum wage, opposition to health care for individuals who cannot afford it.

We even see the voting rights bill being struck down by the Supreme Court and the difficulty of getting a new one in this House, and we see people in the other Chamber who even

question the need for the civil rights bill.

Dr. King's dream is still just that, a dream. Many of us share that dream. One day, all of us will wake up and see reality, that the dream must be fulfilled. I hope that day comes soon.

In Memphis, it is a holiday for Dr. King. It should be a holiday for everyone, and we remember a great man and his great works.

CONGRATULATING WOMEN VETERANS CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an inspiring leader from Illinois' 14th District. For her exemplary service last month, Erica Borggren was named one of only 10 of the White House's Women Veterans Champions of Change.

Since August 2011, Erica has served as director for Illinois' Department of Veterans Affairs. Under her leadership, IDVA has launched, among other successful programs, the nationally acclaimed Illinois Joining Forces, which connects veterans with more than 200 veterans-serving organization.

She is a Rhodes scholar, Truman scholar, and was valedictorian at West Point. Her military service spans from South Korea, as an Army Medical Service Corps officer, to Iraq, as commanding General David Petraeus' trusted speech writer.

General Petraeus calls her:

One of the most talented officers with whom I have ever served and exemplary in every respect.

Erica's strong leadership and record of excellence ensures a bright future for Illinois' military servicemembers and veterans.

REMEMBERING THE PASSAGE OF THE BRADY HANDGUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT

(Ms. HANABUSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, February of this year marked the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act. Since becoming law, it is credited with stopping more than 2.1 million gun sales to prohibited purchasers, including convicted felons, domestic abusers, and fugitives.

The recent tragedy of 2 days ago at Fort Hood brings to light again the issues of PTSD, mental illness, and what our men and women in uniform have suffered throughout all of our wars, and I mean all of our wars.

We cannot continue to ignore Virginia Tech; Fort Hood; what our colleagues Gabby Gifford and RON BARBER endured; Aurora, Colorado; Sandy Hook; Washington Navy Yard; Little-

ton; and Fort Hood again, just to name a few. These incidents—the families, communities, the friends—cry for action.

Mr. Speaker, let us act by at least bringing H.R. 1565, the King-Thompson bill, to this floor.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1874, PRO-GROWTH BUDGETING ACT OF 2013; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1871, BASELINE REFORM ACT OF 2013; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1872, BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2014

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 539 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 539

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1874) to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The amendments recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill and the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1871) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment recommended by

the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1872) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee). The gentleman from Georgia is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my friend from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, this is a big day for me down here on the House floor. I don't know if you were catching every word of the rule as it was being read, but what you've got here in a nutshell, Mr. Speaker, is a rule that makes in order absolutely every germane amendment that was offered, not to one budget reform bill, not to two budget reform bills, but to three budget process reform bills.

We talk so much about numbers in this institution, Mr. Speaker. We talk about baselines. We talk about CBO scores. We also talk a lot about people. We talk a lot about families. We talk about why what we do here matters in the lives of folks back home.

Father Conroy prayed this morning, Mr. Speaker, that we could get out of some of our old habits that the inertia leads us to disagree and find those things around on which we do agree. There is one thing that is undisputed in this Chamber—in fact, on Capitol